



# Courier September – November 2022



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In October, we will celebrate Thanksgiving. Time to look back on the year in gratitude. What are you thankful for?

The way to harvest (Psalm 104)

The wheat came to God and said, "Lord of the world. If you made me for people, why didn't you make me so they could just eat me as I am? They have to thresh me first, grind me, make the flour into dough, and then bake me. Don't you think this is very inconvenient?"

God replied, "It is good for you and for the people that I have made you as you are. Let's talk about you first. You cannot boast like this: I alone keep people alive and give them strength. People cannot eat a piece of bread unless they prepare it first, and for that they need water, fire and their own hands. So it does not depend on you alone, and you cannot go and proudly proclaim: Without me, nothing at all is possible! Now to the people. It would not be good for them to get up in the morning and find their food ready to eat. Instead, they first have to work: Sowing, planting, harvesting, threshing, grinding, making dough, baking. Only then they can eat bread, as it is written, "That he may gain bread of the earth, which strengthen the heart of man." (Psalm 104:14). The wheat went away, then the grapes came to complain to God. They said, "Lord of the world, you have made us so that people can eat us the same way we are. But they gather us up, crush us in a press, and make wine of us. Why do you allow this?"

God calmly replied, "You should be glad instead of complaining. For it is good for people to have to work and not eat you all right away, as you are. When people work, they rejoice at the success of the work, as it is written, "That he may gain wine that gladdens the heart of man." (Psalm 104:15)

It is a certain way until the harvest. And this way is connected with work. He who wants to reap must first sow. In order for what has been sown to grow, it must be protected against weeds and the growth must be supported. In the process, one hopes for good conditions of soil and weather. Even the harvested is then to be processed further, so that it serves us as food tastes. It costs our effort and our sweat.

However, it is not only in the farm economy, but also at school and at work. Learning must be acquired. In every profession there are requirements that must be met. This is associated with effort and rarely with fun and ease. From morning

to night, performance is required for which one is rewarded and for which one has to work hard.

Volunteers usually invest a lot of time and thought, joy and heart and soul to advance a cause. Not always is such commitment met with the appreciation it deserves. So you have to motivate yourself again and again.

In all these things, we know, success is not guaranteed. Much remains that is given to us: Good weather for a good harvest. Health, so that our working capacity is maintained, joy in our work, so that we do not give up, favorable market conditions, so that we can live from our work. Trust in God to carry us in difficult times and to give us a future, people to support us and to fight together with us.

This Thanksgiving Day may remind us of what we can be thankful for. Each of us will think of something special here, once we think about it. What was given to me last year? Where was I lucky? To whom do I owe something? For what am I simply grateful?

St. Francis and his brother Masseo met for dinner outside the city, where there was a beautiful fountain, and next to it was a wide, beautiful stone that they liked very much. They laid their bread on it, which they had received as a gift.

"O Brother Masseo" said St. Francis "we are not worthy of so great a treasure." And he repeated these words several times. Then Brother Masseo replied, "How can you speak of a treasure where there is so much poverty? Here is no tablecloth, no knife, no meat board, no bowl, no hut, no table, no servant, no maid."

Then Francis said, "This is precisely what I consider a great treasure: What is here has been prepared by God's goodness, as can be seen in the bread that has been given to us, in the stone table that is so glorious, in the fountain that gushes so clearly. And therefore I want us to love all this with all our heart."

I wish us such an attitude to life, dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ: That we are content with our daily bread. That we enjoy the things we have. That we are grateful for everything that has been given to us and entrusted to us. And that we can cheerfully say: "Lord, how great and abundant are your works! You have wisely arranged them all, and the earth is full of your goods." (Psalm 104:24)

Amen

Dear Parishioners

## **Presidents Report**

Here we are in another gorgeous Canadian Summer. It has been a disruptive year with Covid but hopefully you all passed it well.

This summer has been relatively uneventful, apart from the fact that our pastor and all her family tested positive.

At the last council meeting we decided to hold a rummage sale in September and you are all urged to bring items for sale to the church. They can be deposited in the Mount calvary hall behind the curtain.

Our parking lot will finally be resurfaced on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Kindly do not park on that day.

Our elevator is supposed to be repaired this month. Capital Elevators is waiting for parts and unfortunately, I cannot give an exact date when this will be done. However, I am assured it will be done by September 1.

I am also meeting with Premiere Construction to find out whether it is feasible and what it would cost to mount our church bell in a mini tower on top of our roof. Once I get an estimate, council and most likely the whole congregation will have to decide if we can afford this.

Given the awful situation in the Ukraine we made a donation of \$ 3600 to the Canadian Lutheran world Relief who are very active in helping Ukrainians. You should know that the CLCR thanked us profusely but of course that is not enough to alleviate the suffering in that part of the world.

Finally by reason of Covid, the donations to our church have dramatically fallen off. We are running quite a deficit. I would therefore remind you to continue generously continuing your donations.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and hoping for a wonderful autumn

Your council president

Konrad

### **Summer Trip and Barbecue and Covid**

Since we all thought summer was a good time to finally do more together as a congregation, we had our calendar packed.

Pentecost we celebrated a beautiful worship service together followed by church coffee and cake in Mount Calvary Hall. The German song "Bolle reiste jüngst zu Pfingsten" was sung louder and more fervently than many Pentecost songs in the service.

It was nice to sit together and drink coffee after the service.

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, 25 members of our congregation went on a day trip to the Petroglyph Provincial Park in Peterborough. There we met 20 congregation members from Martin Luther Church Toronto and spent a beautiful sunny day together.

First, we had a very interesting tour and explanation of the petroglyphs. We stood in the covered room where the petroglyphs were carved in stone and listened spellbound to an explanation of the rock paintings that lasted almost an hour. The history, the meaning of all this was very fascinating and obviously our group could not get enough of it. The guide had to answer many questions. Finally, we finished this part because it was time for the break and the picnic lunch after all and our stomachs were starting to growl.

We drove to another spot in the park where there was a nice picnic area and a lake. There we ate the sandwiches, salads and whatever else was in our bags that we had brought.

Afterwards, everyone from both congregations was given a stone with an inscription on it and they were supposed to find the people who had the same word on their stone. They were biblical words and the task was to think in the group what this inscription has to do with the Bible.

It was not easy for some groups because not everything was so obvious. So there were words like: Peter, gem, Jacob, living stone, tombstone of Jesus, 10 commandments or cornerstone.

But we had Bible-loving fellow travelers and all the groups were able to say something about their word afterwards.

We realized that stones are also important in the Bible.

After we had some time to look at the lake or to talk and sit in the sun, we drove back to Ottawa in the afternoon.



It was a really nice and interesting day and let's see where we are going to next summer?!

If you have any ideas, feel free to contact me!







The following weekend, the Pastor and her husband invited everyone to a barbecue in the Pastors garden. It was a hot day, but by early evening everyone found room in the shade. Burgers and Bratwursts were served and the guests all brought salads or other goodies, making a varied buffet.

A beautiful evening.



And then the next morning the news, before the service, that the pastor's daughter has Corona. Since in the course of the next week, the son was also

infected, the services in the church were canceled for safety reasons and were unfortunately only online to see (as we are now used to).

Later, the pastor also got Covid and so the quarantine period dragged on for several weeks during the summer vacations in the Kierschke house.

In the meantime everything is good again.

But we have noticed again how uncertain the Pandemic still is. We have also noticed how flexible the congregation is and that is good.

Many thanks for your understanding and many thanks to those who quickly took over tasks in the service or otherwise in the congregation.

Judith Kierschke

**REFORMATION DAY**  
**Remember our joint Reformation Service on**  
**October 30 at 10 am!**





## Martin Luther at the Diet of Worms

By: Gunther Bauer



The Diet of Worms was held from April 16 to May 25, 1521 and was called by Charles V, the young Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. The Diet happened almost every year, in order for the emperor to carry out the business of his vast empire. It was the young emperor's first Diet. Martin Luther was summoned to this Diet in response to the Papal decree, *Exsurge Domine*, imposed on Luther for his apparent heretic writings. He was given free conduct by the Emperor to return to Wittenberg. Luther arrived on April 16 and had to appear before the Assembly the next day at 4 pm. The papal nuncio Girolamo Aleandro asked Luther two questions, pointing to the 25 books and documents assembled on a table, the titles of which he had read by their name. Firstly, if these books were his writings and, secondly, if he would be ready now to recant all of them. Luther spoke in German, then repeated his sentences in Latin, as he had been requested, since most of the members of the Assembly were not fluent in the German language. Luther asked for some extra time, so he could sort out the books and respond to the questions. The Diet agreed and he was given until the next day. The following day, Luther had divided his writings on three tables. He apologized to the Assembly, that he lacked the etiquette of the court. Then he answered the first question, that all the books and writings were his. To answer the second question, he had to divide his writings into three categories, since they were dealing with three different subjects. The books and writings on the first table, Luther explained, had been well received, even by his enemies, there would be no need to recant those. The writings on the second table are dealing

with the abuses of the Church, the priests and the papacy. He could not reject these, or the abuses would continue. To retract these, would open the door for more abuses and he would have achieved nothing, but strengthened the tyranny. The writings on the third table are criticisms of individuals. He apologized for the harsh tone of his words in those, but he could not reject their respective substances and therefore, he could not retract these either, unless he was convinced by testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason, for he could not trust the Pope nor their councils alone, since it is well known, that they have often erred and contradicted themselves. He concluded his defense with the following words: "I am bound by the Scriptures that I have quoted and by my conscience that is also bound to the Word of God. I will not and I cannot recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against my faith and my conscience. So help me God, Amen". (in latin: Deus adiuva me, Amen).

On May 25, the last day of the Diet, the emperor Charles V, issued the following decree:

*For this reason we forbid anyone from this time forward to dare, either by words or by deed, to receive, defend, sustain or favour this said Martin Luther. On the contrary we want him apprehended and punished as a notorius heretic, as he deserves, and to be personally brought before us, or be securely guarded until those who have captured him inform us, whereupon we will order the appropriate manner of proceeding against the said Luther. Those who help for his capture will be rewarded generously for their good work.*

On the theological level, Luther had challenged the absolute authority of the Pope and stated that the doctrines the Catholic Church had preached, were wrong. But the Pope had convinced the majority of the members of the Diet, that Luther was a threat to the Church and to the Holy Roman Empire. Of course, the Pope made no mention that he was very much interested in protecting the Church's large income in continuing selling indulgences. Luther escaped arrest and possibly being burned at the stake as a heretic, because Frederick III has hidden Luther at the Wartburg castle, disguised as "Junker Jörg". There, Luther continued his writings and translated the New Testament from Greek into the German language. Charles V had other problems on his hands than worrying about a heretic monk named Luther. He was fighting in the Schmalkalden war and prevented the Turks of the Ottoman Empire, from sacking the city of Vienna.



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**For our new confirmation class starting in September we are looking for kids who are 11-15 years old and want to know more about God and the world.**

**Please contact Pastor Judith Kierschke!**



### The Holy Trinity Icon

In June, Dr. Buss told us something about icons in our discussion group in the church. Since it was such an interesting topic and not so many people were present, I'll write something more about it here, especially about the probably most famous icon, the **THE HOLY TRINITY**



The icon of THE HOLY TRINITY is one of the most famous icons ever. It was made by Andre Rublev (\*1360?† 1428 Moscow).

Icons are cult and holy images of the Eastern Church.

It was long discussed and argued about the question of whether pictorial representations of the divine are allowed or whether it violates the prohibition of images from the 10 Commandments (You shall not make an image of God).

At the beginning of the 8th century it came to the so-called Iconoclastic Controversy. In 726, Emperor Leon III forbade the use of icons, i.e. images of saints, condemning this cult as idolatry, blasphemy and heresy.

The church father John Damascenus provided the decisive argument for pictorial representation. He wrote: "In ancient times, God, who has no body and no form, was not pictorially represented at all. But now that God became visible in the flesh and dealt with men, I can represent the image visible in God. I do not worship matter, but I worship the Creator of matter, who became matter himself for my sake.... And I will not cease to worship matter, through which my salvation is effected ..." (PG XCIV, 1245).

In February 843 after almost a century and a half of war, the dispute ended and icons were allowed to paint. Now a golden age of painting began until the end of the Byzantine Empire in 1453.

Andrei Rublev was born in this period. He was an icon painter, whom we know by name, which is unusual for icon painters.

Icon painters take a back seat to the work. Their names are usually not mentioned, because in this art form there is no room for personal inspiration or improvisation. There are strict rules for making an icon, which the icon painter must follow. The saint painter completely suppresses his own feelings and ideas in his work. Thus, many artists have remained nameless. An icon is never signed, because the masters do not focus on themselves but on the original image.

Not much is known about the life of Andrei Rublev. He was probably born in the late 1360s. In all probability he was a novice in a monastery in his youth. Later he was ordained as a monk. He lived as a monk, together with other monks and icon painters in the Andonikov Monastery in Moscow and devoted his life to painting frescoes and icons. Rublev himself also painted the Andonikov Monastery. Here he died of the plague on October 17, 1428. His body was buried in the Cathedral of the Savior in Moscow, where he rests to this day.

The icon of The Holy Trinity was a commissioned painting for the Sergiy Monastery near Moscow. Rublev painted it around 1411. It is a scene from the biblical narrative Genesis 18:1-33. The LORD - or 3 angels- visit Abraham. The LORD prophesies to Abraham that he will have a son. Sarah, his wife, did not believe it because she was already so old and therefore laughed. The Lord continued to promise Abraham blessings and many descendants.

It is not clear within the biblical narrative whether it is three men or one LORD visiting Abraham, so it is assumed that this is the Trinity, that is, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These 3 persons are painted on this icon.

The three angels (with wings) are seated around a table with a chalice on it. Each of the three persons is holding a staff, the symbol of authority, all three have the same divine authority afterwards. They look similar, as a sign of unity, but if you look closer you can see peculiarities.

The person in the middle with the red and blue robe is probably God, the Son. He can be recognized by the colors of his robe, the red being the color of the martyr. His fingers also betray him. Three fingers are bent backwards (symbolizing the Trinity), two fingers (symbolically indicating "true God and true man") point towards the cup. Behind him we see a tree, the tree of life, which can also be interpreted as a cross. A sign of his suffering and our redemption in the crucifixion.

On the right side we see God, the Holy Spirit. On the left side we see God, the Father. The gazes of the other two persons go to him, God the Father.

The table represents the altar. Once it was the table at which Abraham showed his hospitality. Now it is the altar where God gives his hospitality to all of us.

The chalice on the altar is the symbol of the divine sacrificial Lamb of the Eucharist. With a little abstraction, the three figures with their silhouettes together form a chalice.

There is also room at the table. Everyone is invited to complete the circle at the table.

There is much to discover in this image and nothing is as clear as I have just explained in a nutshell, but that is what makes this icon so interesting.

Judith Kierschke



**Some interesting events in our Martin Luther Church coming soon...**

In September, we have 2 events planned at once, both of which should bring a little money into our church budget.



On Saturday, **September 10 (from 10am -2pm)** we want to have a rummage sale downstairs in Mount Calvary Hall. However, we need your help to do this. Do you have things at home (books, clothes, household items) that you no longer need but are too good to throw away? Please bring them to the church and we will sell them at the rummage sale. The proceeds of the items will then be donated to the church. Anything we don't sell we donate afterwards.

So you don't need to stand in the church and sell all the time on September 10, but bring us your things beforehand (talk to Pastor Kierschke) and we will sell them then. They would help us a lot.

Of course you can come by on rummage sale day, maybe you'll find something else you'd like to buy or maybe you'll just come by to look!

On Saturday, **September 24 at 7pm** we are planning a concert in our church with artists you know, because they all have a connection to our church. So the Quodlibet Choir will perform, the Concordia Choir and be surprised who else.

We also want to sing some beautiful songs together. It will be a nice late summer concert!



**- St. Martin Lantern walk on 11.11 at 6pm.**

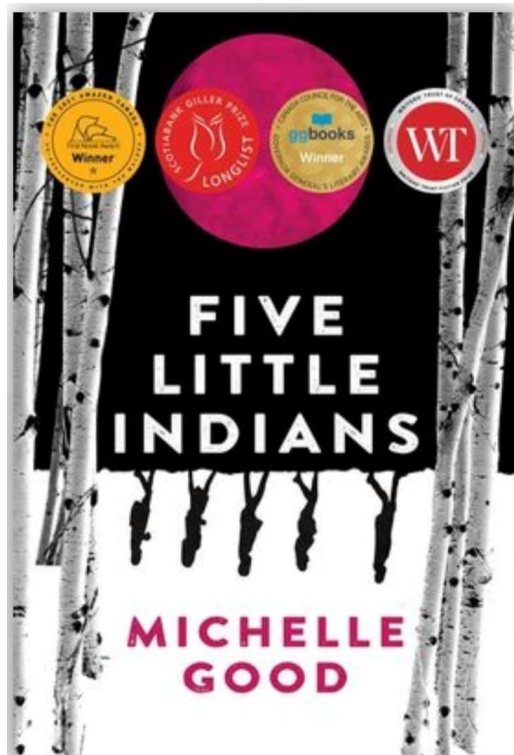


A special invitation to all children!

Come with your lantern or a light on Friday evening at 6pm to the church, we pull again our round and sing the German Laternelieder. Afterwards there will be pastries and children's punch again!

We are looking forward to seeing you!

- On **November 17** we will again do a shared discussion group and it will be about a book. We will meet downstairs in the Martin Luther Church or/ and by Zoom. So you can choose to come to the church or join us via Zoom. The book we want to talk about is "5 little Indians". It was published two years ago.



The novel is about five survivors of the Canadian Residential School system who struggle, with varying degrees of success, to rebuild their lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, after their time in Residential School ends. It was the best-selling book in 2021 on CBC.

I think it's good to take a look at this subject matter at some point as well. Of course, it would be nice if you could read the book before this evening so that we can have a better conversation. But you are also welcome to participate in the discussion group without having read the book.

The 1st Advent still seems to be far away, but everything is always going so fast! And then there is also the soccer world championship

We are planning a Joint Worship Service on the **1st of Advent (November, 27)** but this time at 11am. Afterwards we want to eat together and sing Advent songs and then watch the Germany game (against Spain) together downstairs in Mount Calvary Hall at 2 o'clock.

Of course, that's not all, please check out all the events at the end of the courier!



We mourn the loss of our long-time and valued member:

***Loretta Irene Tiegs (nee Fick )***  
***July 24th, 1919 - July 25th, 2022***

Gratefully we look back on her life's journey and hopefully we look forward to the one who is the beginner and perfecter of our faith.

We wish the relatives of Loretta Tiegs, God's companionship, guidance and protection with the following words of blessing: "May the God who gave and took turn to you again. May he resurrect your life to hope.

May He dry your tears and give you the light of trust, so that you may see the graves open with the eyes of love."

Passed away peacefully at Caressant Care, Cobden on July 25th, 2022. Loretta, in her 103rd year, beloved wife of the late Victor Tiegs. Loving mother to Glen, and Elwyn (spouse Anne). Special Grandma to Erin (spouse Justin) and to great grandson Benjamin. Dear daughter of the late William and Ernestina Fick. Loretta was the last of ten siblings (6 brothers and 3 sisters). Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Special thanks to the staff of Caressant Care, Cobden for the wonderful care given to Loretta over the past 14 years. Her funeral took place on August 2, 2022 at Capital Memorial Gardens.

Rest in Peace Loretta Tiegs. Amen

**Dates in MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER**

04.09	Joint Service 10 am With Children Service and Coffee afterwards	Gemeinsamer Gottesdienst 10 am Mit Kindergottesdienst und anschließend Kirchenkaffee
Saturday 10.09 10am – 2pm	Rummage Sale	Flohmarkt
11.09. 10.30 Meeting Point at the Parking Place	Petri Island Walk Outdoor Service No Service in Church	Petri Island Walk Gottesdienst unterwegs Kein Gottesdienst in der Kirche
13.09 10am	Coffe in Church	Kaffee in der Kirche
15.9 5pm Gesprächskreis Deutsch		Thema: Die frühen Christen
18.09	9.30 English Service	11 Deutscher Gottesdienst
22.9 5pm Discussion Group English	Topic:The early Church	
24.09 7pm	Concert in Church	Konzert in der Kirche
25.09	9.30 English Service	11 Deutscher Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl
27.09 10am	Coffee in Church	Kaffee in der Kirche
30.09 Movie Night 6pm English Film	Amadeus (A Movie about Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)	Amadeus (Ein Spielfilm über Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)

02.10	9.30 English Service	11 Deutscher Gottesdienst Erntedankfest
09.10	9.30 Thanksgiving	11 Deutscher Gottesdienst
11.10 10am	Coffee in Church	Kaffee in der Kirche
13.10 5pm Gesprächskreis		Thema: Bibelarbeit (Text wird noch bekannt gegeben)
16.10	9.30 English Service	11 Deutscher Gottesdienst
20.10 5pm Discussion Group	Topic: Bible Work	
23.10	9.30 English Service	11 Deutscher Gottesdienst
25.10 10am	Coffee in Church	Kaffee in der Kirche
28.10 6pm FILMABEND Deutsch zum Reformationstag		Katharina Luther
30.10	Joint Service Reformation Day 10 am With children Service and Coffee afterwards	Gemeinsamer Gottesdienst zum Reformationstag 10 am Mit Kindergottesdienst und anschließend Kirchenkaffe
6.11	9.30 English Service All Saints	11 Deutscher Gottesdienst
8.11 10am	Coffee in Church	Kaffee in der Kirche
11.11		St Martins Singen



13.11	9.30 English Service	11. Deutscher Gottesdienst
17.11 5pm Joint Discussion Group	In Person and Zoom About the Book: 5 little Indians	In Person und Zoom Über das Buch 5 little Indians
20.11	9.30 English Service	11 Deutscher Gottesdienst Ewigkeitssonntag
22.11 10am	Coffee in Church	Kaffee in der Kirche
27.11 I Advent plus Gemeindeadventfeier Und gemeinsames Fussball gucken!	11 am Joint Service Afterwards Advent Potluck in Mount Calvary Hall 2pm Soccer Game German - Spain	11 am Joint Service Danach Advents Potluck in der Mount Calvary Church 2 pm Fussball WM Spiel Deutschland - Spanien

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